cent. So is the Government considering that at least some part of the quota should be kept for public distribution system and low cost housing schemes? Otherwise low cost housing schemes cannot be successful. Will the Government look into it? This threat will not work. I am very happy that the Prime Minister has said that it is a last threat. But your threat will not yield any kind of result. This control on cement has ruined the whole industry, not only the cement industry but the consumer as well. So, I want to know whether the Government will take this into account and have some partial decontrol on cement.

SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR: Sir, I shall not make a policy announcement here and now. But we shall take all the measures that are required to bring down the price of cement. We shall wait for some time. I assure the hon. Members that their point has been well taken and we shall see that in spite of the doubts about the existence of this Government, as long as this Government is there, the cement manufacturers will be made to understand that they have to decrease the prices.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

CNN Telecast through Doordarshan

*44. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to make use of CNN telecast through Doordarshan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Industrial units lying closed in Gujarat

*45. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of small, medium and large scale industrial units lying closed at present in Gujarat;

(b) whether there is any proposal to re-open such units in the near future; and

(c) if so, what is the number of such units which are going to be started and when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) to (c) The Reserve Bank of India maintain data on sickness. However, they do not collect specific data on closed industrial units. As per the information received by the Reserve Bank of India from Banks, there were, as at the end of December, 1988, 53 Non-SSI sick and weak units in the State of Gujarat which were closed/under liquidation/winding up orders issued/under lock out/strikes etc. Out of these 53 Non-SSI units, after examination 7 have been found to be viable, 41 are non-viable and viability in respect of 5 units has not yet been decided. Three viable units have already been placed under nursing programme.

As regards small scale units, there were, at the end of December, 1988, a total of 5,601 sick units, out of which 315 are considered viable, 5,146 non-viable and viability of 140 units has not yet been decided. 188 viable SSI units have been put under nursing programme.

Measures to curb terrorists menace

*46. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what economic, security and political measures have been taken since No-